IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A halogenoacetoxyadamantane derivative eharacterized by having comprising a halogenoacetoxy group in an adamantane skeleton.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The halogenoacetoxyadamantane derivative as described claimed in claim 1, wherein the halogenoacetoxy group is a chloroacetoxy group or a bromoacetoxy group.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The halogenoacetoxyadamantane derivative as described claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein it said halogenoacetoxyadamantane derivative is 2-halogenoacetoxyadamantane, 2-alkyl-2-halogenoacetoxyadamantane, 1-halogenoacetoxyadamantane, 1,3-bis(halogenoacetoxy)adamantane or 1-halogenoacetoxyperfluoroadamantane.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The halogenoacetoxyadamantane derivative as described claimed in claim 3, wherein it said halogenoacetoxyadamantane derivative is 2-alkyl-2-halogenoacetoxyadamantane.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The halogenoacetoxyadamantane derivative as described claimed in claim 3, wherein it said halogenoacetoxyadamantane derivative is 1-halogenoacetoxy-3-hydroxyadamantane.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A process for producing a halogenoacetoxyadamantane derivative, comprising the step of reacting a hydroxyl group of

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an adamantane skeleton directly with halogenoacetic halide or reacting the above hydroxyl group with a lithiation agent to derive it said hydroxyl group into a lithiumoxy group and then reacting halogenoacetic halide therewith to introduce a halogenoacetoxy group.